

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace the listing of claims as pending in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A method of patterning a functional material onto a substrate, comprising the steps of (a) applying a layer of functional material to at least one major surface of said substrate; (b) applying a layer of protective material, soluble in a solvent in which the functional material is insoluble, over said layer of functional material; (c) removing areas of said layers of protective and functional materials in well-defined regions on the substrate; and (d) removing the remaining exposed protective material from the substrate by dissolution in said solvent.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein in step (c) said layers of functional material and said layer of protective material are removed from the well-defined regions by laser ablation.

Claims 3-27 (canceled).